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can stop only at an average distance of 25 miles between the stops. The next stop after Vaniambadi is Krishnagiri. The distance between Vaniambadi and Bargur is 22 miles, and from Krishnagiri to Bargur 11 miles. As the declaration of Bargur as a fare stage would be a violation of the orders, the request could not be **conceded**.

*Government buses*

\* 508 Q.—SRI MUNU ADHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any dress regulations for travelling in Government buses; and

(b) whether any one with scanty dress was prevented from travelling?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir. As per the code of conduct of passengers framed by the Madras State Transport Department if a passenger's condition is such as to be offensive to other passengers or the condition of his or her dress or clothing is such that it may reasonably be expected to soil or injure the linings of cushions of the vehicle or the clothing of other passengers, the passenger shall not enter or remain in or on the vehicle after an authorised person shall have requested him or her either not to enter or to leave the vehicle and in such latter case shall have tendered to him or her the amount of any fare previously paid.

(b) No case of prevention from travelling in the Madras State Transport bus of anyone with scanty dress has been brought to notice.

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 509 is not in the seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

\* 509 Q.—SRI V. SANKARAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to passengers in the Madras City by the frequent stoppage of the State Transport buses at the various stages for the completion of issue of tickets; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid the inconvenience?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Buses are being stopped at fare stages to ensure that all passengers are issued tickets.

(b) The frequency and duration of stoppages will be minimised by quicker issue of tickets for which the Government are taking the following steps—

(i) putting more buses on the road to reduce over-crowding.